

I object to efforts by National Association of Broadcaster to stifle the first ammendment rights of satelite radio providers to broadcast freely. There is no good reason satelite broadcasters should be restricted from broadcasting "locally oriented" topics such as traffic & weather. Traditional radio can continue to broadcast any format they wish, why should satelite be limited? Many large broadcasting corporations use cookie cutter formats across cities at this point, so it not like this will impede the ability of differing opinions to get out on the air waves.

I understand that members of NAB are concerned about competition from satelite broadcasters, but their fear of is no reason to restrict the rights of satelite broadcasters. Further, the addition of traffic and weather to satelite radio will not significantly impact the propensity of people to enroll in satelite radion; people join satelite for the music and talk programming, weather and traffic would simply be an added convenience.

Please oppose any legistlation to restrict satelite radio broadcasters from "locally oriented" topics such as traffic & weather.